

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Please add element numbers 104 to ribs of the holder 103 in FIG. 9, and shown in the attached replacement sheet.

REMARKS

The Office Action of May 16, 2007, has been carefully considered. The Applicant wished to thank the Examiner for suggests made in a telephonic interview on August 13. As a result of the Examiner's suggestions, claims have been drafted including the insertion and holding of the connecting portion of the breast cup into the small end of the holder and to describe the breast cup as a single wall breast cup with an inside surface exposed to a vacuum source and an outside surface exposed to the atmosphere.

The original specification was filed reciting a "first end is preferably about .175 inches thick". The decimal point is present in the image file wrapper but not in the published application. The specification is herein amended to replace the "about .175" with "about 0.175".

Rejections Based on 35 USC § 112

The Examiner has rejected Claims 37 and 39 under 35 USC § 112 as indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicant regards as the invention. Claims 37 and 39 have been cancelled.

Rejections Based on 35 USC § 102

The Examiner has rejected Claims 22-32 and 37-42 under 35 USC § 102 as anticipated by Silver. Claims 22-32 and 37-42 have been cancelled.

Rejections Based on 35 USC § 103

The Examiner has rejected Claims 21-33 under 35 USC § 103(a) as being anticipated by Atkins. Claims 22-32 and 37-42 have been cancelled.

New Claims 43-63 have been added. The new claims include limitations directed to insertion and holding of the connecting portion of the breast cup into the small end of the holder and/or to describe the breast cup as a single wall breast cup with an inside surface exposed to a vacuum source and an outside surface exposed to the atmosphere. The Applicant has reviewed Silver, Atkins, Beer (US 4799922), and Ford (US 5885246) and believes that the new claims are patentable over this prior art.

CONCLUSIONS

Claims 22-32 and 37-42 have been cancelled. New Claims 43-63 have been added. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner advance Claims 43-63 to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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